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SUBJ: SACEUR'S ANNUAL REPORT ON THE ACE MOBILE FORCE

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF SYG'S PO/73/106 OF JULY 17, 1973 ON
SUBJECT. BEGIN QUOE.

PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES WILL HAVE RECEIVED SACEUR'S ANNUAL
REPORT ON THE ACE MOBILE FORCE WHICH HAS BEEN ATTACHED TO A
MEMORANDUM (MCM-27-73) FORWARDED TO ME BY THE MILITARY COMMITTEE.

2. I WOULD PARTICULARLY DRAW THE ATTENTION OF DELEGATIONS
TO SACEUR'S CONCLUSIONS AT PARAGRAPH 12 OF THIS REPORT WHICH SETS
OUT IN CONCISE FORM HOW MATTERS STAND. IT IS SATISFACTORY TO
NOTE THE CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS MADE PARTICULARLY IN THE FIELD OF
AIRLIFT AND RECEPTION ARRANGEMENTS. ON THE OTHER HAND THE
LONGER TERM PROJECT OF MAKING THE LAND COMPONENT CAPABLE OF
SIMULTANEOUS DEPLOYMENT TO BOTH FLANKS IS NO NEARER ITS AIM.
THIS SEEMS TO ME TO REFLECT A SERIOUS WEAKNESS IN OUR CONTINGENCY
PLANNING FOR TIMES OF TENSION AND I WOULD HOPE THAT COUNTRIES
WILL BE ABLE TO TAKE MEASURES IN THE FUTURE SO THAT SACEUR CAN
MAKE PROGRESS IN THIS MATTER.

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3. MEANWHILE AND UNLESS I HEAR TO THE CONTRARY BY
10TH AUGUST I PROPOSE THAT THE DEFENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE
SHOULD NOTE MCM-27-73 AND SACEUR'S REPORT ON THE ACE MOBILE
FORCE. END QUOTE.

2. WE PROPOSE OFFERING NO OBJECTION TO NOTING FOREGOING
REPORT. RUMSFELD

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